

## LOCAL NEWS.

**OPENING OF THE COLORED SCHOOLS.**—As announced in Saturday's Gazette, the Public Free Schools for colored people were formally inaugurated at the 1st Colored Baptist Church, yesterday afternoon, the church being densely crowded with the children and their parents. Quite a number of white persons were also in attendance, and besides those who spoke, we observed, on or about the platform, Col. Suttle, of the Board of Aldermen; Mr. Wheat, of the Common Council, Chairman of the Committee on Public Schools; Messrs. Addison, W. F. Carne, and O. C. Whittlesey, of the Board of School Trustees; Rev. Dr. Lowinsolm, of the Hebrew Congregation; Col. T. H. Ficklin, of St. John's Academy, and other well known gentlemen.

Mr. Richard L. Carne, County Superintendent of Schools, opened the meeting in a plain, practical address to parents, teachers, and children. He first recounted the work which had been done within the last six months,—a work for which the Constitution allowed six years—then called attention to the readiness with which the people of Alexandria,—first of all the counties in the State,—had voted its tax by 1,912 to 311, when the people were already paying 22 per cent taxes, and insisted that now the colored people must do their part. They must send their children regularly and punctually to school, make them obey their teachers, and govern them well at home. The teachers he advised to be kind, yet firm, to govern by love, yet to cause their authority to be respected; to love the children and make themselves loved by them. The children he admonished to be diligent and obedient; no law of Congress or of the Legislature could make them good and wise men and women; that must be their own work. If they studied and worked hard, and above all, if they were virtuous, they would be respectable; but education without virtue, would be a curse and not a blessing. They had rights, but they had also duties, and if they were to be equal citizens of the glorious old Commonwealth in whose history there was no page of which her sons could be ashamed, they must qualify themselves for that position.

Hon. Lewis McKenzie, of the U. S. House of Representatives, then delivered a sensible address. He wanted solid, plain education. None of your Greek and Latin, and badly spelled English; no cart loads of costly books; no fine arts, but plain, solid learning that would be of use to them in after life.

Edgar Snowden, Jr., of the State Senate, then addressed the audience. He had intended to address the children, but the County Superintendent had said pretty much all that could be said. Education, he said, was now made easier than when he went to school, but he doubted whether more was learned. People couldn't learn without study, and some wouldn't study without punishment. He hoped they would all study, but if they did not the teachers must see to it. He alluded, in terms of praise, to a colored man with whom he had served in the State Senate, (Hland) that man was a credit to his race. He had worked his way up by his own industry; but he put on no airs, and his remarks were always listened to with as much respect as those of any white man in the Senate. The secret was that he had always something to say which was worth hearing, and he gained respect by the courtesy of his manner.—Had he lived, he would have made his mark, and his death was regretted by the men of both races.

Mayor Latham next arose. He congratulated the County Superintendent very highly. No better man could have been found for the place, and it was owing to his energy and zeal that Alexandria was ahead of her sister counties in this matter. When he was about to submit the question of tax to the people, he (the speaker) had "Yes" printed on all the ballots, thinking that few would want to strike it out, and he had not been disappointed. He then addressed a few words of earnest advice to parents, teachers and children.

George L. Seaton, of the House of Delegates, then spoke. He had never before addressed an audience, but he felt called upon, on this occasion to represent his race. He could not but look back to a few years ago, and to the difficulties he had experienced in obtaining his education, and be thankful for the chance his people now had. He called upon Mr. Wm. T. Powell, the newly elected principal of the colored schools, who delivered a brief, but practical address, urging upon the colored people attention to their children, and upon the teachers, the faithful performance of their duties. Some teachers who had been sent down from the North taught for money; he would have them teach for the love of their race.

Mr. John B. Smoot, President of the Board of Common Council, then briefly stated what the city authorities had done in the matter of public education, and after a few words of instruction from the County Superintendent, the meeting closed, all seeming pleased with the proceedings.

**CONFIRMATION.**—On Saturday last, very interesting services occurred in the Jewish Synagogue. A son of Mr. Simon Waterman and one of Mr. M. Ruben, having arrived at the age of 13, were solemnly numbered among the people of Israel by confirmation. The exercises being in the Hebrew and German languages were not intelligible to us, but they were conducted with great solemnity, and were very impressive. Both the boys were permitted to hold the scroll of the law, and to read portions of it aloud, and they both made their profession of faith, and prayed aloud before the tabernacle or place where the law is kept, and young Waterman made an address in German which appeared to be very affecting, and brought tears to the eyes of many in the audience. The exercises were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Lowinsolm assisted by Mr. Isaac Eichberg, President of the Congregation. Excellent music was furnished by Mr. Heyman, the chanting being admirably performed by Messrs. Ruben and Henry Strauss. After the services, Mr. and Mrs. Waterman entertained a large number of their friends, Christian as well as Jewish, in a very handsome manner, at their residence on North Royal street.

**BROKE IN.**—A young named John Downey broke through the ice on the canal basin yesterday evening, but was rescued by his companions.

**COUNTY COURT.**—Judge R. H. Coker presiding.—The Court met this morning pursuant to adjournment yesterday, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings having been read by the new clerk, George Seaton, colored, were found to have been recorded improperly. The necessary corrections having been ordered by the Court, the Commonwealth's Attorney, Geo. H. Ramey arose and stated that in consequence of the incompetency of the clerk, it was apparent that the business of the Court could not be proceeded with, and moved that the Court adjourn until Court in course.

The Judge said he felt very much relieved by the motion made by the Commonwealth's Attorney, as he was thoroughly convinced, from what had transpired yesterday and to-day, that the new clerk was utterly incompetent. Important criminal cases that should have been tried had been postponed because of his errors, and there was a probability that the prisoners would have to be discharged. The office was one of the most important in a community, and he was surprised that any one should attempt to discharge its duties who was not thoroughly qualified. He wanted it distinctly understood that he did not make these remarks in consequence of the color of the new clerk, for were he as white as the driven snow he should have been compelled, as well in justice to himself as to the interest of the community, and this Commonwealth, to adopt the motion. He then directed that the following order be entered upon the records:

*Ordered,* That in consequence of the incompetency of the clerk, this Court is adjourned until the February term.

And the order having been entered, and the records signed, the Court adjourned till court in course.

**RIVER NEWS.**—It was stated in yesterday's Gazette, that the steamers Ironsides and Vanderbilt had passed by here on their way down to Aquia Creek, and that the Keypoint and the tug Gov. Curtin had arrived up. The New York steamer E. C. Knight arrived up later in the evening. She reports that she was caught by the freeze at Quantico, but that on Monday, the 27th ult., she steamed up and forced her way as far as Mount Vernon, where she was out through the ice. She then put back, and managed, by keeping all her pumps at work, to reach Quantico, where she was run ashore, bows on, and damaged repaired. While lying at Quantico she observed signals of distress flying on a vessel from a port in Maine, loaded with lathes for Washington, and went to her relief, and finding that she too had been out through the ice and was sinking, dragged her ashore.

About a dozen vessels are lying at Quantico bound up, and the tug Gov. Curtin and Potomac started to their relief this morning. The ice is reported to be very thick and jammed below Indian Head.

The Keypoint started on her return to Aquia Creek last night, and it was expected that that line would be reopened this morning, but none of the boats that went down yesterday had returned at noon to-day.

The Knight and two tug boats left here this morning for Washington.

The Wawayast is still at Aquia Creek.

**DEATH OF SAMUEL HARTLEY, ESQ.**—Mr. Samuel Hartley, an old and highly respected commission merchant of this city, died at his residence on Cameron street, at eleven o'clock last night. He was stricken with paralysis about eighteen months ago, but partially recovered, and was able to attend to his business until within a few days since, when he received another stroke, from which he never rallied.—Mr. Hartley was a native of Winchester, Va., but for the last twenty years was a resident and a prominent merchant of this city. His death was announced on "Change this morning, and a committee consisting of Messrs. P. B. Hoie, G. Y. Worthington, G. H. Robinson, C. G. Brown, and B. H. Lambert was appointed to draft resolutions of respect to be reported at an adjourned meeting to be held to-morrow morning at ten o'clock. Mr. Hartley's death will be regretted by all who knew him. His funeral will take place from his late residence at twelve m., to-morrow, and his remains will be carried to Washington, on the one o'clock train, to be deposited in Oak Hill Cemetery, Georgetown.

**DRAMATIC REPRESENTATION.**—Mr. McKean Buchanan and a very excellent stock company commenced a three days' engagement at Liberty Hall last night, with the play of Richelieu, to what heretofore has been a rarity with dramatic representatives in this city, a paying house; and other rarities were that the success was well merited, and the audience were pleased. Mr. Buchanan is an actor of no ordinary attainments and is well supported. The play of Hamlet will be produced to-night, and Marble Heart at the matinee to-morrow, and all who may witness them will be gratified at the manner in which they will be rendered. Among the audience last night were many ladies, who were by no means the least pleased with the performance. It would be well if boys who cannot comprehend, and who prevent others from enjoying the performance, by their bad conduct, were excluded.

**PUMP OUT OF ORDER.**—The condition of the pump at the intersection of Pendleton and Columbus streets is again complained of by the residents of that locality. As the Cameron water is not supplied to that portion of the city, and as the pump in question furnishes a large number of people with the only water they can conveniently obtain, its present condition is the source of a great deal of trouble and annoyance. It has been out of order for the last three weeks.

**ALARM OF FIRE.**—The alarm of fire about half past one o'clock this evening, was caused by the burning of the chimney and the partial burning of the roof of the house in rear of the large brick house on Water street, once occupied as a boarding house by Mrs. Dobie. The fire department was soon out, but its services were not required, as the neighbors had extinguished the flames.

**FIREMEN'S MEETING.**—Attention is called to the notice of the Secretary of the Hydration Steam Fire Engine Company, in another column. The officers are to be elected to-night.

**DEPUTY SHERIFF.**—Lewis I. O'Neal has been appointed Deputy Sheriff of Alexandria county, and has qualified and entered upon the duties of his office.

**CORRECTION.**—In the article in yesterday's Gazette upon Alexandria, in referring to the Banks of the city, it was inadvertently stated that the First National Bank was formerly a branch of the Exchange Bank of Virginia, which is not the case, a note from the Cashier C. R. Hooff, Esq., informing us that the First National Bank never had any connection with the old Exchange Bank, whatever. It was only intended to have said that the First National occupied the building formerly used by the Exchange Bank, which, by the way, has been so altered and improved in its internal arrangements that it too can hardly be said to be the same.

**WASHINGTON AND RICHMOND RAILROAD.**—Mr. Roberts, the President, and Mr. Howard, the Solicitor, of the Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railroad passed through here this morning on their way to Richmond, for the purpose of using their influence with the members of the Legislature, in obtaining a charter to build a railroad from Washington city direct to Richmond.

**J. H. SERRATT'S LECTURE.**—The agent of Mr. John H. Serratt was here some days ago and advertised that Mr. Serratt would deliver his lecture in this city last night, but though several persons collected about the doors of the Assembly Rooms, the designated place, at the appointed hour, the hall was not lighted, nor has anything been yet heard of the lecturer.

**IMPROVEMENT.**—Mr. M. B. Harlow will, to-morrow, commence to tear down the old framed house on Royal street, adjoining his new store house on the corner of Cameron and Royal streets, preparatory to the erection on its site of a new brick building.

**MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.**—The Board of Trustees of Public Schools will meet at the office of the Superintendent, 177 Prince street, at 7 o'clock, to elect teachers for the white schools.

**COMMON COUNCIL.**—An adjourned meeting of the Common Council will be held to-night, for the purpose of considering the new city charter which has been adopted by the Board of Aldermen.

**BACKED OVERBOARD.**—A horse and cart belonging to the firm of Loring & Pierce, backed overboard at the foot of Prince street, this evening but were rescued.

**SEVERELY BEATEN.**—A young man named Robert Elliott, was attacked by a party of men on Saturday night last, in what is known as "Brick Row," and beaten in a shocking manner.

**Hon.**—The Concordia Literary Association will give a grand ball at Eutaw Hall to-night.

**A MAD DOG** appeared in Georgetown yesterday, and bit several cows, hogs and dogs.

**MAYOR'S OFFICE.**—Sardana and Maggie Myers, colored, for disorderly conduct at a house in Petersburg were fined and discharged.

**STORM REPORT.**—Night clear and bright and the wind blew a gale from the Northwest until about 2 o'clock this morning. There were fights and disturbances at Fishtown, Petersburg, Naylor's Hill, and at the extreme northern end of Washington street. Some of the offenders in Petersburg were arrested. Three lodgers were accommodated at the station house.

**FURNISHING GOODS.**

**FALL, 1870.**

**GEORGE C. HENNING,**

Dealer in

**READY-MADE**

**CLOTHING,**

And

**Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods,**

And

**FASHIONABLE TAILOR,**

No. 410 Seventh st. N. W.

(OLD INTELLIGENT BUILDING.)

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Respectfully announces that, during the season, his stock of

**Ready-Made Clothing**

will be larger, the assortment more choice, and will be sold at

**CLOSER PRICES**

than ever; and he flatters himself that the in documents he shall offer will be

**BEYOND COMPETITION**

His long experience and familiarity with

**THE COUNTRY TRADE**

enables him to anticipate its wants

The

**Custom Department**

will be full, as usual, and only

**FIRST-CLASS GARMENTS**

will be made to order.

STRANGERS VISITING THE CITY ARE INVITED TO LEAVE THEIR MEASURES FOR FUTURE ORDERS.

Instructions for self-measurement sent on application per post.

**Furnishing Goods,**

his stock will comprise everything really desirable, both useful and ornamental.

His DRESS SHIRTS have achieved a reputation, the assortment is the largest in the city, and the prices will compare favorably with those of any city in the United States.

Rubber Clothing, Oil Clothing, Woolen Shirts, Heavy Wool Jackets, Red Flannel Underwear, &c., &c.

Only Good Articles Kept.

As heretofore—

**ONE PRICE ONLY, IN PLAIN FIGURES.**

Wholesale buyers in search of good articles will be liberally dealt with.

If you want an article you have looked for elsewhere in vain, seek here for it.

**NOTICE.**—The interest of Mr. ZEPH EGGERS, in the firm of J. JOSEPH PAUL, in our firm ceased this day. GREGORY & CO. Alexandria, Va., December 31, 1870.

**NOTICE.**—Mr. COURTLAND H. SMITH has an interest in our firm from this date. GREGORY & CO. Alexandria, Jan. 2, 1871.

**W. M. H. FOWLE, JR.,** is associated with us in business from this date. BECKHAM & CO. Alexandria, Va., Jan. 2.

## TELEGRAPHIC.

DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Santa Domingo is the first question of the New Year. No sooner will the House of Representatives meet to-morrow than Banks and Butler will push forward the matter with all speed, a short time only being allowed for debate, and then the Senate resolutions will be rushed through under the operation of the previous question. It is the determination of the administration leaders of the House to allow the Tennessee with the Commission on board to steam out of the Potomac next Saturday without fail. The President has had several conferences with the Secretary of the Navy in regard to fitting out the vessel with all speed.

Caleb Cushing and Fred Douglas will be two of the Commissioners; half a dozen names are on the taps for the third position.

It is expected that Senator Wilson, of Oregon, will shortly be appointed to a cabinet position. He presented the President on New Years with a carved saddle tree.

The statement that Holt offered to release Mrs. Surratt if her son would deliver himself up is denied by Mr. Holt.

Hon. R. B. Butler will be tried for forgeries early in February next.

From Richmond.

RICHMOND, Jan. 3.—There was almost a full attendance of members in both branches of the Legislature to-day, and business was regularly proceeded with.

In the Senate several bills, resolutions, &c., were presented and appropriately referred, but no bill passed.

In the House of Delegates, after the presentation and reference of a number of bills, resolutions, and petitions, several bills of a local character were passed. Among others the Senate bill in relation to working the county roads of Loudoun, with an amendment.

Mr. Matthews, of Loudoun, introduced bills authorizing the town of Leesburg to subscribe to the Leesburg and Allie, and Leesburg and Point of Rocks Turnpike Companies, which were referred.

**Foreign News.**

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A severe engagement, in which the French were successful, preceded the evacuation of Gray, by the Germans. The reports that the German army of the Loire has retired on Gien are apparently confirmed.

BORDEAUX, Jan. 3.—A portion of General Clauzy's army is now strongly posted near Vendome.

The engagements along the Loire for a week past have all been successes for the French; near La Roche 12,000 prisoners were taken by the French.

A Prussian column recently lost 300 men by drowning in an attempt to cross the Loire on the ice.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Telegraph announces authority that the demands made upon Prussia by the British Cabinet relative to the seizure and sinking of the English colliers in the Seine are in fair way of adjustment.

**Reception of a Bishop.**

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2.—Arch Bishop Kendrick, who has been absent a year in Rome attending the Ecumenical Council, was formally received to-day at St. John's Church. The various Catholic organizations, numbering 2,000, paraded the streets, with banners and music. The Church was crowded and thousands were unable to enter. Father Ryan delivered the opening address. The Arch Bishop said with respect to his course in the Ecumenical Council that he would state briefly the motives which governed his actions. Often in the debate he had perhaps seemed opposed to the great doctrine of the Church but this arose from the fact that there were arguments which he could not explain. His opposition was due to a misconception of the character of the real principles involved. After the close of the great question he would say that his motives for submission were simply due to an unshaken belief in the authority of the Catholic Church. The reason of necessity for rendering obedience to the Church was self-evident and could not be gained; he would call to the remembrance of the Church that Scriptural declaration, "thou hast words of eternal life," and reminded them of the trusts committed to Peter and Paul.

**Pacific Railroad.**

DENVER, Jan. 2.—The Government commission to examine the Denver Pacific and Kansas railroads arrived here Saturday.

The transaction of the United States land office in this city for the year 1870 amount to a grand total of 274,517 acres.

The Denver Pacific railroad has been completed, six months and six days, and has transported 72,000,000 pounds of freight. The Kansas Pacific railroad has been completed four months and eleven days, and has transported 17,410,121 pounds of freight. The shipment of gold and silver for the year ending December 31st amount to upwards of \$5,000,000.

The statistics of crops, mines, populations, cattle, live stock, and other sources of a tangible wealth for the year 1870 show a very great improvement over any preceding year since the settlement of the territory.

The weather is very pleasant.

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—The coupon of Union Pacific railroad bonds were paid yesterday at the company's office in this city.

**Man Shot.**

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—Policeman Hinds shot and severely wounded a man named James Murray, who was engaged in an alley with others at Newton. The officer was held in jail in the sum of \$5,000.

**Killed.**

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 3.—In Leavenworth, yesterday, Kennedy, who suspected Goffrey of being too intimate with his wife, met him from the street and put four pistol balls through his head, killing him instantly. Kennedy gave himself up.

**Fire.**

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 3.—Christ Church, on 15th street, was damaged by fire yesterday. Loss from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

**PERSONAL.**—Captain Blochman, the newly elected Lieutenant Governor of Florida is a native of Fairfax county and has relations yet residing there.

## AMUSEMENTS.

LIBERTY HALL.

THREE NIGHTS ONLY.

of the world-renowned Tragedian, Mr. McKEAN BUCHANAN, whose performances in all the principal Theatres of Great Britain, Australia, California, and other parts of America, have been received with great enthusiasm by crowded and fashionable audiences, by whom he has been pronounced to rank among the

GREATEST LIVING ARTISTES, supported by a talented Dramatic Company, selected from the principal Theatres of Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 3, 1871, Shakspeare's sublime tragedy and masterpiece, HAMLET, PRINCE OF DENMARK.

Other characters by the company.

Admission 50c; reserved seats 75c. Seats can be secured in advance without extra charge at French's bookstore.

Doors open at 7; to commence at 8.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, at two o'clock, A GRAND MATINEE, at which Mr. Buchanan and the whole company will appear. Admission to matinee 20c; children 15c.

H. A. KENDALL, Business Manager.

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FOURTH GRAND ANNUAL MASQUERADE BALL OF THE HARMONIE.

will be held on

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1871, at their hall. No expense. Tickets will be sent to make this ball the grandest event of the season. Tickets one dollar, admitting one, which can be procured of the

Committee of Arrangements.

A. Rosenthal, Lewis Stein, Justus Schneider, Wm. Wilkening, Robert Portner, M. Rubin, Ignaz Rammell, Emil Simonson, Jan 2—2

P. Weinberg.

**FOR RENT.**—That large and most delightful BRICK HOUSE, No. 58 Washington street, corner of Queen. This is a most delectable house, with 18 rooms, in a most healthy and pleasant neighborhood; is in good order and condition, has large yards, the west and south, with grapes, fruit trees and flowers.

E. J. LLOYD, No. 131 Queen street.

**FOR RENT.** at Culpeper C. H. Va. a new and handsomely fitted STORE ROOM, 30x24 feet; plate glass windows; cellar under the whole room. This store is fitted for dry goods, notions, clothing, boots and shoes, hats and hardware. The store is the best in the town and has always commanded the largest trade. \$5,000 can be cleared in this store per annum by an active merchant. For terms apply to

JOS. R. GORRELL, Culpeper C. H., Va.

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**FOR SALE.**—The elegantly situated three-story BRICK HOUSE, 106 Duke street, between Pitt and St. Asaph, containing ten rooms and bath room, with hot and cold water. The house is furnished throughout with gas and fixtures, and is a most desirable residence, being located in a pleasant neighborhood. The adjoining lot is offered with the above-mentioned property, or it will be sold separately at a low price. Terms apply at No. 40 south St. Asaph st. [no 10

**WINTER GOODS.**

SOMETHING FOR COLD WEATHER—NOW RECEIVING A VERY LARGE STOCK.

Heavy Cloths for Suits, Cassinets and Boys' Goods, Flannels, red and white, Very fine and heavy Flannels, Blue and Gray Full Cassinets, Striped and Plaid Cottons, Twill Cotton and Osmabrics, Bed Ticking, all qualities, Canton Flannels, Striped or Marined Shirting, Stocking and Hosiery, Cloth Goods, Wide Shewing, Felt, Casing, Shawls in great variety, Stockings of all sizes and kinds, Gloves for everybody, Merino Shirts and Drawers, with a full assortment of all goods in our line.

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ROBERT L. WOOD.

W. H. THORNTON, C. R. JOYCE

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WOOD! WOOD! WOOD! SAWED AND SPLIT WOOD

Having started a Wood Yard, with sawing and splitting machinery attached, we are now prepared to furnish the citizens of Alexandria with SAWED AND SPLIT WOOD, at short notice and lowest rates.

We invite the public to give us a call at our yard, corner of Fairfax and Queen streets, adjoining Richell & Hoegs' Planing Mill, or leave their orders at Lunt's Drug Store, corner King and Washington streets; Bennett's Lamp Store, 140 King street; Coggin's Lamp Store, north Royal street; Wardell & Hall's Drug Store, corner Fairfax and Prince streets. All orders will be promptly filled.

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THORNTON & JOYCE.

**COST! COST! COST!**

Having determined to close out my stock of HOSIERY, GLOVES, HANDKERCHIEFS, &c., I shall offer them at cost after to-day.

Ladies' Hosiery from 12c to 25c; best iron frame 30 to 25c.

Berlin and Lisle Thread Gloves from 12c to 25c.

Handkerchiefs, of every description, at prime cost.

Germantown Woods at 14c per doz; Zephyr at 18c, until the stock is closed out.

Gentlemen's heavy English Half Hose at 30c. Embroidered Shirts, Chair Seats, &c., to

together with my whole stock of READY-MADE HATS and some styles of FEATHERS, strictly at cost, at

Mr. C. L. SIMPSON'S, 125 King street.

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